

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A belt drive for a machine for printing images on a flat printing material, comprising:

a belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt, and said belt having a brake strand for braking the flat printing material; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being concavely curved surfaces.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The belt drive according to claim 1, wherein said stops remain stationary with respect to the belt revolving during operation.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The belt drive according to claim 1, wherein: said shaped surfaces are rotationally symmetrical stop surfaces in rolling contact with said edges.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A machine for printing images on flat printing material, comprising a belt drive including:

a belt for revolving during operation, said belt defining a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said belt having two protruding edges oriented in the longitudinal direction of said belt and being opposite one another in the transverse direction of said belt, and said belt having a brake strand for braking the flat printing material; and

a belt guide having stops with shaped surfaces acting on said two protruding edges of said belt;

said shaped surfaces being concavely curved surfaces.

Claim 5 (cancelled).